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•	•	José V. Chen	3637			
The MAILING DATE of Period for Reply	of this communication app	ears on the cover sheet with the c	orrespondence address			
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Status						
1) Responsive to commu	inication(s) filed on <u>04 De</u>	ecember 2003.				
2a) This action is FINAL.	. 2b)⊠ This action is non-final.					
3) Since this application	3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
closed in accordance	with the practice under E	x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 45	33 O.G. 213.			
Disposition of Claims						
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-15</u> is/are p	ending in the application.		•			
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5)⊠ Claim(s) <u>15</u> is/are allo						
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-14</u> is/are re						
7) Claim(s) is/are	objected to.					
8) Claim(s) are su	bject to restriction and/or	election requirement.				
Application Papers						
9) The specification is ob	ः jected to by the Examine।	· ·				
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		drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See				
Replacement drawing sh	neet(s) including the correcti	on is required if the drawing(s) is obj	ected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).			
11) The oath or declaration	is objected to by the Ex	aminer. Note the attached Office	Action or form PTO-152.			
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
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Attachment(s)  1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-		4) Interview Summary	/PTO_413\			
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# **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Drawings**

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the limitations of claim 13 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

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### Specification

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: The limitation that the lateral supports have a circular cross-sectional profile has no definite antecedent basis in the specification.

# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim(s) 1 fail(s) to recite sufficient structural elements and interconnection of the elements to positively position and define how the elongate lateral supports extend through a plurality of openings so that an integral structure able to function as claimed is recited. Claims 2-14 are indefinite in that they depend from an indefinite base claim.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claim 15 is allowable over the prior art of record.

#### Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patents to Speicher, Gottlieb, Lim, Perkins, Strauss, Brown,

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Wilcox, Jr., Roberts et al, Rozek, Hill, Thomas, Jr., Munroe teach structure similar to applicant's.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to José V. Chen whose telephone number is (571)272-6865. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f,m-th 5:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (571)272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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